

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A device Device (10, 30), in particular~~ for the removal of parasites or ticks (1) from the skin of animals and humans, comprising:

- a) ~~with a housing (11);~~
- b) a spreadable gripper tool (12);
- c) a spreader device (16), separate from the gripper tool, for spreading the gripper tool (12); and
- d) a rotation device (18) for the rotation of the gripper tool (12) around the longitudinal axis of the device[[,]]; and
- e) a presser device that acts in the axial direction of the device to actuate the spreader device and the rotation device of the gripper tool,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the gripper tool (12) in its un-spread position encloses an essentially closed cavity (21) that is designed to contain the parasite or the tick (1).

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The device Device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that that device (10) also has a presser device (17) that acts in the axial direction of the device to actuate the spreader device (16) and the rotation device (18) of the gripper tool (12) wherein the gripper tool is detachably connected to the rotation device.~~

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The device Device as claimed in claim [[2]] 1,~~
~~characterized in that~~ wherein a first actuation of the presser device (17) effects a spreading of the gripper tool (12) by the spreading device (16).

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a second actuation of the presser device (17) effects a rotation of the gripper tool (12).

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in one of ~~the~~ claims 3 or 4, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a closing of the gripper tool (12) is effected by the first or second actuation of the presser device (17).

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the claims 2 to claim 5, characterized in that wherein~~ the first actuation of the presser device (17) takes place in the axial direction into the device (10, 30) and the second actuation that follows the first actuation takes place in the axial direction out of the device (10, 30).

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the claims 2, to claim 5, characterized in that wherein~~ the first actuation of the presser device (17) takes place in the axial direction into the device (10, 30) and the second actuation that follows the first actuation continues in the axial direction into the device (10, 30).

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in claim 5 ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that wherein~~ the gripper tool (12) is formed by two or more segments, ~~(41, 42; 43, 44, 45; 46, 47, 48, 49).~~

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the gripper tool (12) is formed by two, three or four segments ~~(41, 42; 43, 44, 45; 46, 47, 48, 49).~~

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9, characterized in that wherein~~ the segments ~~(41, 42; 43, 44, 45; 46, 47, 48, 49)~~ of the gripper tool (12) are elastic.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the claims 8 to~~ claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the segments (41, 42; 43, 44, 45; 46, 47, 48, 49) of the gripper tool (12) are tapered toward the tip of the gripper tool (12) and form inward-facing gripper jaws (51, 52).

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the claims 8 to~~ claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the segments (41, 42; 43, 44, 45; 46, 47, 48, 49) of the gripper tool (12) ~~have~~ comprise a spring force, against which the spreading of the segments (41, 42; 43, 44, 45; 46, 47, 48, 49) takes place.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~ claims claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the gripper tool (12) is coated with an adhesive.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~ claims claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the gripper tool (12) ~~is provided with~~ comprises barbs.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~ claims claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device (10, 30) ~~has~~ comprises a suction device that is connected with the gripper tool (12).

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~ claims claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device (10, 30) ~~has~~ comprises an apparatus to paralyze or kill the parasite (4).

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~ claims claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the gripper tool (12) is interchangeable and replaceable.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in claim 17, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the gripper tool (12) ~~is available in~~ comprises interchangeable different sizes and material thicknesses.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the claims~~ claim 5 ~~1 or 18~~, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the gripper tool ~~has~~ comprises a moisture dispenser.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in ~~one of the claims~~ claim 5 ~~1 to 19~~, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the device ~~has~~ further comprises an ejector device for the ejection of the gripper tool.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device ~~Device~~ as claimed in claim 20, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the ejector device detaches the gripper tool from the device when the process of removing the parasite is completed.